

## McConnell, Kate

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**From:** Salmon, Jeff  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 16, 2013 3:02 PM  
**To:** McConnell, Kate  
**Cc:** Klancher, Robert; Klusek, Richard  
**Subject:** RE: SPEX-2012-0036 Brambleton Community Park

Thanks for the answers, and they work. The actual question was, "if there is a tournament, and they are scheduled to be on until 11p, but everybody leaves at 10:15, are the lights out at 11:00p or 10:30p?" - which I believe is answered below.

We got a little bit of this last night with the Potowmack Lakes application, and I forgot to include Richard Klusek on this thread.

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**Cc:** Klancher, Robert  
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Jeff,

Answers to your questions:

1. a.) The recent PRCS standard operating procedure for lighting of fields is as stated in the recommended Conditions of Approval (turn off by 10 pm except on for the occasional planned tournament when the lights shall be extinguished by 11 pm). I seem to recall that we discussed this policy with PRCS at the December hearing (but maybe for the other lighting application), so the information is part of the public record. According to PRCS, they turn off the lights at by 11 pm in some of the older lighted parks in the county (see #2 below for more info), including Claude Moore Park, Edgar Tillet Park, Potomack Lakes Sportsplex (baseball diamonds), and Trailside. I am not entirely clear when this procedure changed, nor is Mark Novak in PRCS. However, PRCS has no issue with limiting the time as currently proposed in the conditions.  
  
b.) I'm not sure which Purcellville park you are referring to, but if it is Franklin Park (SPEX-1994-0008) then it follows conditions of approval different than any other County park. This condition was made in response to neighbor concerns. The conditions follows:  
The baseball and softball field lights shall not be illuminated past 9:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, or past 10:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The ballfield lights may be illuminated until 11:00 p.m. only for scheduled tournaments. The ballfields shall not be illuminated on Sundays.
2. a.) There has been one time in 7 years that lights have stayed on until nearly 11 for tournament play. However, as noted in #1 above, lights are allowed to be on in certain older parks. According to PRCS, league play often occurs until close to 11 pm in these parks.

b.) I believe that in the second part of this question you are asking the following: When a tournament is scheduled and the lights are allowed to be on until 11 pm, are they turned off shortly after the last game is completed? Or, do the lights stay on until 11 pm regardless of whether a game is played? If this is the question, then the answer is that the lights are turned off about 10-15 minutes after the last game is completed. This extra time gives the teams time to clear the fields.

I hope that this adequately answers your questions. Please let me know if you need any additional assistance.

Best,  
Kate

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**From:** Salmon, Jeff  
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Thanks for the offer. I think I have a pretty good understanding at this point.

Since we have to review this again, I'd like to review the initial request for keeping the park open until 11:00pm only during tournaments. Can you provide me with the following information:

1. Is there a precedent for having the lights on until 10:00pm for most nights and on until 11:00pm during occasional tournaments in other facilities in the county that have lighting? Do most of the facilities that have lights use this language or another language (You might also need to check with Purcellville on this one)?
2. How often have the lights been requested to stay on until 11:00pm during tournaments? As I understand it, we have a PRCS staff member that stays at the field to make sure there are never any issues at night. When we do have tournaments on the lighted fields in the county, are they actually left on until 11:00 for each and every tournament, or are they left on only during tournaments, and then only under special circumstances, such as when there was a rain delay earlier in the tournament?

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**From:** McConnell, Kate  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 09, 2013 1:43 PM

**To:** Salmon, Jeff  
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Thanks Jeff,

If you would like a further explanation of the public notification issue, then feel free to call me to discuss.

Best,  
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**From:** Salmon, Jeff  
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I approve of the double advertising for this application. I'm a little confused as to the advertising since we had a public input session on this on top of the public hearing. This should be expedited to the extent possible.

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Commissioner Salmon, Commissioner Douglas, and Chairman Klancher,

Due to inadequate public notification, the December 19, 2012 Planning Commission Public Hearing on SPEX-2012-0036 Brambleton Community Park is invalid. It will be reheard at the February 19, 2013 Planning Commission Public Hearing. Due to the timeline setback, the Applicant has requested that the application be double advertised for the March 13, 2013 Board of Supervisors Public Hearing. I need your approval for this request to go forward to the Board of Supervisors. Please let me know your decision by Wednesday, January 16, 2013.

At the February public hearing I will present an update to the application, including the revised conditions of approval. It is possible that there will be additional public speakers at this hearing, as failure to mail the notification letters is the reason for inadequate notification.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Best regards,  
Kate

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